ODSA concerned by SCC

The theft "takes away events we could have done, but we are still a viable organization," said Mark John Johnston '84, the SCC summer chairman. Johnston added that the money's disappearance also brought to the surface problems that SCC has with bookkeeping, money-handling, and security.

Several SCC members said they believe the major effect of the theft will be the implementation of a more formalized bookkeeping procedure by the committee, and that the members will have "more concern" for the handling of money.

Immerman echoed Kovtuk's sentiments, saying he was "a little disturbed" by the lack of concern about the theft. The 1977-78 president of SCC's reaction seems to be, "Well, so we lost $6,500; we have another $10,000 coming in this month from pinball," Immerman said.

The theft also affected how the ODSA relates to student activities. Immerman continued, "It shifted our priorities. It brought them into focus -- on the one hand helping to meet the need of the Institute to have the business activity of student organizations appropriately accounted for and reported, and on the other hand trying to devise ways that we can be helpful in supporting student organizations around the same set of business issues."

In a way it is "unfair" that SCC has come under closer scrutiny than other student organizations as a result of the theft, Immerman said. The theft underlines potential problems with the financial activities of all student groups, not just SCC.

Immerman believes the theft will have one major result. "I don't think they will ever hold their receipts from a concert again," he said. "MIT is more aware of what is going on with money in MIT organizations," said Mark J. Brase '85, the current SCC treasurer. "But other than that (the new security measures have only) made it a real pain... to get in the office."

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